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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully appreciate the Examiner's indications of the allowabilities of claims 8, 14-17, 19 and 21.

Claims 1, 4-6, 9-17, 19 and 21 are in pending now.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1, 4-7 and 9-13 are rejected under 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harasawa et al (U. S. Patent 6,616,485) in view of Cairns et al (U. S. Patent 4,357,066).

In response to this rejection, applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to incorporate novel limitations of claims 7 and 8. By such amendments, applicants believe that amended Claim 1 is now patentable over the cited prior arts since the original dependent claim 8 is allowable.

Claims 7 and 8 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 4-6 and 9-13 are also believed to be patentable since they depend, either directly or indirectly, from independent claim 1.

Claim Objections

Appropriate corrections over the objections set forth in this Office Action have been done as below:

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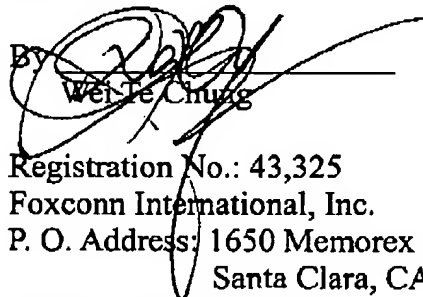
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- ♦ "longitudinal" has been deleted from line 7 and ~~is~~ has been inserted after *member* on the last line of original claim 1.
- ♦ ~~rear~~ has replaced "front" on line 2 of original claim 5.
- ♦ Some writing/spelling errors have been corrected appeared in original claim 19.
- ♦ ~~the electrical connector~~ has been inserted before *further* on the line 14 of original claim 21.

In view of the above claim amendments and remarks, the subject application is believed to be in a condition for allowance and an action to such effect is earnestly solicited.

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